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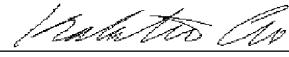
Applicant : Eiichi IMAZU et al.
 Appl. No. : 10/792,144
 Filed : March 03, 2004
 For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING
 JOINT BOOT MADE OF RESIN
 Examiner : Suzanne E. McDowell
 Group Art Unit : 1732

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

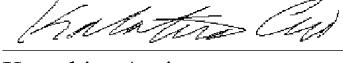
This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed September 25, 2007. In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects species b drawn to a method for manufacturing a joint boot wherein the cutout portion is formed in a shoulder portion that connects the recess for fixation to the bellows portion. Claims 1-4 are readable on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 24, 2007

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